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TO USIA WASHDC
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA
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AMEMBASSY LAGOS
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SUBJ: VOA BROADCASTS TO WEST AFRICA

REF : A. ACCRA 2894
B. MONROVIA 2556

1. BANJUL RECEIVES WIRELEESS FILE TWICE WEEKLY BY POUCH FROM DAKAR; PARIS AT ONCE OR TWICE WEEKLY WHEN AIRLINES OPERATING; TIME AND NEWSWEEK WHEN THEY GET HERE. WON'T BORE YOU WITH OUR CABLE PROBLEMS BUT IT TOOK SIX DAYS TO RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE LAST WEEK. WE ARE I S O L A T E D MAN.

2. VOA NEWS BROADCASTS OUR MAIN SOURCE OF ASSURANCE THAT THERE IS STILL A U.S.A. OUT THERE IN WHICH MOST AMERICANS ARE ALIVE AND REASONABLY WELL. WE CAN WAIT FOR MUSIC BROADCASTS UNTIL TAPES ARRIVE AND ARE PLAYED ON RADIO GAMBIA.

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3. ADDITIONALLY, SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL GAMBIAN AUDIENCE

LISTENS TO AND COMMENTS TO EMBASSY ON VOA BROADCASTS. WITH
NO RPT NO LOCAL DAILY NEWSPAPER AND ONLY BBC AND SHORT
LOCAL NEWS BROADCASTS CONSISTING OF GOTG HANDOUTS, DISCERN-
ING GAMBIANS WANT CURRENT NEWS OF U.S. DEVELOPMENTS AND
ACTIVITIES.

4. VOA GREENEVILLE, N.C. AND MONROVIA PUT A GOOD SIGNAL
INTO BANJUL. LET'S HEAR IT WITH NEWS.
MCFARLAND

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